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SUBJ: PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FOR IRANIAN HIGHWAY POLICE

REF: STATE 281136

1. REFTEL DISCUSSES FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974 AND TERMINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY. PARAGRAPH 4 STATES THAT PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE ON AN INDEPENDENTLY FINANCED BASIS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. GENMISH HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GENDARMERIE (IIG), WHICH IS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING TRAINING WITHIN THE UNITED STATES FOR MEMBERS OF ITS HIGHWAY PATROL. THE IIG HIGHWAY PATROL HAS THE MISSION OF SUPERVISING AND CONTROLLING THE NATION'S HIGHWAYS. THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF HIGHWAYS AND THE TRUCKS, BUSES, AND PASSENGER CARS USING THEM HAS FORCED THE HIGHWAY PATROL INTO A CRASH PROGRAM REQUIRING A LARGE YEARLY INCREASE OF PERSONNEL.

3. THE IIG HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN SEVERAL TYPES OF TRAINING TO BE PROGRAMMED OVER SEVERAL YEARS. THE PRIMARY INTEREST WOULD BE HIGH IMPACT, SHORT DURATION TRAINING (1-3 WEEKS) IN THE FORM OF ORIENTATION TOURS TO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AND SHERIFFS DEPARTMENTS IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION, THEY WOULD LIKE OTHER TRAINING OF LONGER DURATION (4-12 WEEKS AND 3-12 MONTHS) IN SUBJECT AREAS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 BELOW. THE IIG ESTIMATES IT COULD SEND APPROXIMATELY TWENTY OFFICERS/NCO'S PER YEAR. THEY WOULD LIKE INSTRUCTION TO BE IN PERSIAN (FARSI) AND ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE NECESSARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERPRETERS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT IN

LARGE GROUPS VS. SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS SPREAD OVER A LENGTHY PERIOD.

4. THE IIG HIGHWAY PATROL HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS:

- A. ATTENDANCE AT A STATE POLICE OR HIGHWAY PATROL ACADEMY.
- B. TRAFFIC ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION.
- C. LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPUTER PROGRAMS.
- D. OPERATION OF HIGHWAY PATROL TRAINING ACADEMY.
- E. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF HIGHWAY PATROL POSTS AND REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS.
- FM USE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO INCLUDE HELICOPTERS.
- G. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION CENTERS.
- H. HIGHWAY PATROLLING TECHNIQUES.
- I. USE OF CRIMINAL LABORATORIES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
- J. CIVIL DEFENSE/DISASTER PLANNING.
- K. HIGHWAY PATROL HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRECEDURES.
- L. UTILIZATION AND EMPLOYMENT TECHNIQUES OF NEW HIGHWAY PATROL EQUIPMENT.
- M. HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER CURRENT POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING AND TRAINING OF FOREIGN POLICE PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES ON AN INDEPENDENTLY FINANCED BASIS. IF AFFIRMATIVE PLEASE ADVISE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ALL OR PART OF THE IIG HIGHWAY PATROL TRAINING REQUESTED ABOVE. IF TRAINING IS NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO UTILIZE CIVILIAN OR STATE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE INDIANA OR PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE? SHOULD PROCESSING OF TRAINEES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE BE HANDLED BY GENMISH?
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